GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REGULATION OF SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION ORDER,2000
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and statistics of action taken under the LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000 for various malpractices, total FIR registered and their disposal, during last three years, with State/year-wise and malpractice-wise break-up; and

(b) the statistics and details of action taken by oil marketing companies against the erring LPG distributors in terms of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines/ Distributorship Agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) : Under the LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000 promulgated under the Essential Commodities Act,1955 the diversion / black-marketing of domestic LPG cylinders for commercial purposes by the distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is prohibited. The State Governments are empowered to take action against erring distributors under the provisions of this Order. The State Governments have been alerted from time to time to take steps against the diversion of domestic cylinders for unauthorized usage. Information on total FIRs registered and their disposal is being collected.

(b) : OMCs have taken action against 4226 LPG distributors in the country during the last three years and during the period April,2007 − January, 2008 under the provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines / Distributorship Agreement. The details of action taken are available with the Director (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.